

March 14, 1984

LB 1034, 941

Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, did you wish to close? The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 1034 advances. LB 941.

CLERK: 941, Mr. President, offered by Senators Kahle and Pirsch. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 10 of this year. It was referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Revenue Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Carsten, are you going to take the Revenue Committee amendments?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments only change the tax on the beer which was in the bill at 30 cents per gallon and the committee amended that to 18 cents per gallon. I need to mention also in connection with this that when we heard the bill there was considerable opposition to it by the various wholesalers, distillers, retailers and so forth. We did feel that there might very well be a compromise somewhere in between the bill and so we did appoint a subcommittee to work with them to try and work out some compromise. I want to tell you that this amendment is not a result of that meeting to try and work out a solution to it as the bill was originally set forth. The amendment is strictly a committee amendment that does reduce the tax per gallon from 30 to 18 cents. You will probably note that there is a change in the, of course, revenue derived from it as was in the original bill. At 30 cents it would have brought in \$7 million. With the committee amendment it is projected to produce \$2 million. But that is the committee amendment. It just changes the beer from 30 to 18 cents per gallon and I would move for the adoption of the amendments,